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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SYG ON PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. DURING CALL ON SYG MARCH 3 BY AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND MISOFF, FOLLOWING PERSONNEL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED.

2. RESTRUCTURING; AMBASSADOR LEONARD NOTED THAT AMONG THE POSTS TO BE AFFECTED BY RESTRUCTURING WERE THE TWO D-2 POSITIONS NOW HELD BY AMERICANS (BURNS, MOSAK) AND THAT US EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM THE SHUFFLE WITH ITS REPRESENTATION UNIMPAIRED. RAFEEUDIN AHMED (EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SYG), WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, NOTED THAT, OF THE TWO POSTS ONLY THE D-2 POSITION OCCUPIED BY BURNS WAS SCHEDULED TO BE UPGRADED TO THE ASG LEVEL. THE MOSAK POSITION WOULD REMAIN AT D-2 WITH A NEW POSITION UNDER RIPERT BEING ESTABLISHED AT THE ASG LEVEL. STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE EFFECT OF THE RESTRUCTURING ON THE EXISTING TWO D-2 POSTS WOULD THUS BE DIFFERENT.

3. AMBASSADOR LEONARD INDICATED THAT THE US WELCOMED DJERMAKOYE'S DESIRE TO HAVE AN AMERICAN IN THE ASG
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POST IN THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, THAT THE US WOULD BE SUBMITTING NAMES OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND THAT WE WELCOMED DJERMAKOYE'S DECISION TO KEEP FINDLEY BURNS IN THE JOB UNTIL A SUCCESSOR COULD BE DESIGNATED.
AMBASSADOR LEONARD ALSO STATED THAT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF AMERICAN PRESENCE THE

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US WOULD WISH TO HAVE AN AMERICAN NAMED TO ONE OF THE D-2 POSTS WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW OFFICE OF THE DG AND WOULD BE SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR LEONARD NOTED THAT WE FELT THAT AN AMERICAN SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO A RELATIVELY HIGH-LEVEL POST IN THE NEW TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFF.

4. UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL: AMBASSADOR LEONARD REITERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SYG WHAT USUN HAD ALREADY TOLD DAVIDSON, I.E., THAT IT INTENDED TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HARVEY WELLMAN AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHEN THE LATTER'S CONTRACT EXPIRES (DAVIDSON HAD INDICATED READINESS TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THIS CHANGE).

5. GENERAL LEGAL DIVISION: NOTING BLAINE SLOAN'S INTENTION TO LEAVE IN AUGUST, AMBASSADOR LEONARD STATED THAT THE US EXPECTED TO HAVE AN AMERICAN NOMINATED TO SUCCEED TO THE POST AND WOULD SHORTLY SUBMIT NOMINATIONS. AHMED EXPRESSED THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR SLOAN'S WORK, SUGGESTING RHAT AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SLOAN'S DECISION TO LEAVE WAS HIS FAILURE TO ACHIEVE APPOINTMENT AT THE ASG LEVEL, AND WONDERED IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO PERSUADE SLOAN TO STAY ON. AHMED STRESSED THAT SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT, THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE ON THE PART OF SLOAN'S SUCCESSOR WITH UN LAW BE KEPT IN MIND SO AS TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED
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SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE UN IN THIS AREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE EXPRESSED HIGH REGARD FOR JOHN SCOTT, SLOAN'S DEPUTY. (IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH AHMED, MISSION OFFICERS REVIEWED REASONS WHY US FEELS STRONGLY THAT SLOAN POST SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE OCCUPIED BY AN AMERICAN AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SLOAN HAD DEFINITELY MADE UP HIS MIND TO LEAVE).

6. UN PRESS SPOKESMAN: WHEN AMBASSADOR LEONARD RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE SUCCESSOR TO POWELL'S JOB IN OPI, WALDHEIM STATED HE INTENDS TO NAME STAJDUHAR TO THE POST. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOMEONE SUCCEED TO STAJDUHAR'S PRESENT POSITION "TO HANDLE THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING SECTOR". WALDHEIM SAID HE WOULD WELCOME SUBMISSION OF AMERICAN CANDIDATES BUT INDICATED HE WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING AT NOMINATIONS FROM THE UK. YOUNG

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